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[Secretary, Metropolitan Museum of Art],
1920-1929

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THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

To_____

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The undersigned takes pleasure in introducing

M_____

of_____
(firm name)

bearer of this card, who wishes to study your collections to aid in the development of designs for current manufacture.

_____
Associate in Industrial Arts

(This card represents an interchange of courtesy among the following New York institutions whose collections or other facilities are of value to manufacturers and designers in the industrial arts field:-)

May 14th, 1920.

Henry W. Kent, Esq., Secretary,
Metropolitan Museum of Art,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to be present at the gathering to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Tuesday afternoon, May 18th, and to express to you the pleasure I have in accepting.

I note that a similar invitation has been addressed to Mr. Edward T. Newell, the President of our Society. May I say that his absence abroad will make it impossible for him to be present.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

October 9th, 1920

H. W. Kent, Esq.
Sec. Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York City

Dear Mr. Kent:

Your letter of October 4th, suggesting a plan of co-operation among Institutions in New York City whose collections are of value to designers, was presented at the meeting of our Council yesterday.

I was directed to write you that the suggestion appears a very good one to us, and that we will gladly join the Metropolitan Museum and other Institutions in using such a card. The plan should certainly simplify the referring of those desiring help to the organization best equipped to give it.

Is it the plan to have the cards printed and distributed to each of those co-operating, or will each organization print similar cards?

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

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THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

NEW YORK

PRESIDENT, ROBERT W. DE FOREST
DIRECTOR, EDWARD ROBINSON
SECRETARY, HENRY W. KENT

July 11, 1922

My dear Mr. Noe:

Will you please tell me what coin is marked as follows: On one side of the thin copper piece, which is of the size indicated, the lettering is

and on the other, around the edge, LOUIS XVI DE. FR. FT. NAV, with a fleur de lis stamped in the centre.

I am seeking this information on behalf of a friend, and I should greatly value any help you may be able to give.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Kent

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 155th Street
New York City

July 14th, 1922

Henry W. Kent, Esq.
The Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York City

Dear Mr. Kent:

In response to your letter of July 11th, the piece described is one which was issued by the French Mint of Cayenne. There are a number of varieties as the issue was a fairly large one, extending from 1781 to 1789.

If your friend has access to a large library, he will find the series described in the American Journal of Numismatics for 1914 (Vol.XLVIII, p.134) with illustrations of some of the varieties which may enable him to identify the particular one in his possession. These coins are usually much worn.

I trust this will give you the desired information.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM
OF ART
NEW YORK

Lee Palmer

PRESIDENT, ROBERT W. DE FOREST
DIRECTOR, EDWARD ROBINSON
SECRETARY, HENRY W. KENT

November 8, 1926

Mr. Sydney P. Noe
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Noe:

Colonel F. L. Palmer offered us as a gift, a collection of coins. I inclose copies of correspondence with him.

May I ask if you would be interested to look at the collection to determine if you would like it, in whole or in part? If so, we will send it to you.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Kent

November 10, 1926

Henry W. Kent, Esq.,
Secretary,
Metropolitan Museum of Art,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Kent:

Responding to your letter of November 8th: I understand from your letter and from the correspondence accompanying it, that the collection formed by Colonel Palmer is offered to our Museum as a gift from him through you.

We should be very pleased indeed to have it, as it is almost certain to contain material which it has been impossible for us to secure. If you will, therefore, be so good as to send it, as you so courteously offer, we shall greatly appreciate your doing so.

May I also express our appreciation of your mediation in our behalf?

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

31st December, 1928

Henry W. Kent, Esq.,
Secretary of the
Metropolitan Museum of Art

Dear Mr. Kent:

Thank you very much indeed for the card of admission which came with your note. I greatly appreciate the courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

December 24, 1929

H. W. Kent, Esq.,
Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Kent:

Thank you very much indeed for the admission card for 1930, received by me this morning, with the compliments of the Trustees. I very much appreciate the privileges which this card accords, and which it were possible for me to take advantage of them oftener.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.